REMARKS

Claims 2, 5-9, 11, 14-18, 20 and 21 are pending in this application, of which Claims 6, 7, 15, 16, 20, and 21 are independent. Claims 6, 15, 16, 20 and 21 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention.

In view of the further Amendments made to independent Claim 6, Applicant submits the following additional remarks relating to that claim. Independent Claim 6 is directed to an image processing apparatus for processing a moving picture having scene-change information. The apparatus of Claim 6 comprises designating means for designating an image that corresponds to a scene that is the object of a search and the number of scenes included in a moving picture, and comparison means for comparing a scene-change frame obtained by referring to the scene-change information with the image designated by the designation means. Also provided are scene extraction means for extracting moving pictures, each of which has scenes of the number of scenes and includes a scene corresponding to the image designated by the designation means, based upon a result of the comparison performed by the comparison means, and output means for combining each of the moving pictures extracted by the scene extraction means into a single moving picture.

Among other important features of an apparatus constructed according to Claim 6, is means that extract specific moving pictures including to a scene corresponding to an image that is the object of a search from a plurality of moving-picture materials by designating the number or time length of scenes, and combine the specific moving pictures into a single moving picture. By virtue of the features of such apparatus, by just a one-time operation for designating the number or time length of scenes included in a moving picture, moving pictures